



Report to

WA State Office of Financial Management

Grants, Contracts and Loans Feasibility Study

Deliverable Expectations Document – Solution Conceptual Design



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology must replace its aged Contracts & Grants Management System that processed transactions totaling \$392 million in the 2003-2005 biennium. OFM has proposed that Ecology's replacement be directed into an enterprise system for Washington State to be used by multiple agencies for grants, contracts, and loans management. Benefits are avoidance of duplicative systems costs among agencies, cross-agency monitoring of projects, and improvement of core business practices. OFM is leading the effort, joined by the Departments of Ecology (ECY) and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) as the first customers of the new system. An enterprise system is also mission-critical to CTED; it distributes over \$1.2 billion in new and existing contracts and loans through manual procedures and spreadsheets and seeks improved business practices and information systems.

This document is part of a feasibility study that will allow OFM, ECY and CTED to plan for an enterprise solution for grants, contracts and loans management (within the scope of this project) by documenting:

- The requirements for an enterprise grants, contracts and loans solution
- The business case for proceeding with such a solution
- The alternatives – and costs and benefits – for a solution and a recommended solution

And, for the recommended solution:

- A conceptual design
- A work plan
- A risk management plan

2. APPROACH

As soon as the recommended solution is decided, we will explore further the anticipated user experience for this solution. Our source of information will depend on the solution selected, and may include vendor product specialists as well as technicians. To the level feasible, we will describe and illustrate the anticipated user interface and solution architecture.

2.1. Deliverable Responsibility by Document Section

Section	Description	Resp.
Conceptual design for recommended solution		
Introduction		Baque
Purpose	Purpose of this document	
Background	Brief description of the project, the current business situation and business problems/issues	
Approach	Approach taken to complete this deliverable	
Sources	Sources of information for this deliverable	
Relationship to other deliverables	Relationship of this deliverable to others in the project	
Recommended Solution Conceptual User Experience Design	High level description of the expected user experience with the selected solution	Wilmot / Hudson / Sims
Recommended Solution Conceptual Architecture	High level description of the conceptual architecture of the selected solution	Wilmot / Hudson / Sims
<u>Recommended Solution for Enterprise Data Standards</u>	<u>High level description of the management of the data elements described as Proposed Candidates for Enterprise Data Standards in the Roadmap Grant Management Value Proposition.</u>	<u>Wilmot / Hudson / Sims</u>
Assumptions	Assumptions made during development of this deliverable	Wilmot / Hudson / Sims
Appendix A Revision Log	Log of all revisions to this document	
Appendix B Supplemental Materials		

3. ASSUMPTIONS

All assumptions in the Project Plan were made when determining the expectations of this deliverable.

4. DELIVERABLE SCHEDULE

This schedule includes the review and sign off tasks that are associated with completing this deliverable.

Task	Start Date	Completion Date
1. Conceptual Design of the Selected Solution		3/20/06

5. DELIVERABLE FORMAT

The final deliverable will be a Word document delivered via email.

6. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

This section outlines the criteria that must be met in order for this deliverable to be considered complete. Prior to submission of this deliverable to OFM, the following criteria must be met.

- All sections are clear and accurate
- The document has been reviewed for quality by its agreed-upon approvers and has been found satisfactory

7. DELIVERABLE FINAL APPROVAL

The following are the required approvers of this deliverable. Approvers must select one of these dispositions after reviewing it:

1. I approve this deliverable and have no further questions or comments.
2. I conditionally approve this deliverable, contingent on the corrections below.

Approver: Sharon Novak	Disposition	Date
Approver: Allen Schmidt	Disposition	Date
Approver: Carol Baque	Disposition	Date

Comments: